



## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Press Release**

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### **CHANGE TO IMPROVE SAFETY IN DAWSON COUNTY STATE ROUTE 400 AT KILOUGH CHURCH ROAD**

DAWSON COUNTY, Ga. – Georgia DOT District Engineer Todd McDuffie announces an operational change to improve safety on State Route 400 at Kilough Church Road in Dawson County.

“DOT traffic engineers have studied the intersection and determined that removing the option for motorists to turn left from Kilough Church Road or cross state route 400 will improve safety on both roadways. After a detailed review of traffic counts, traffic patterns and accident data we determined that changing Kilough Church Road to a right in only and right out only will improve safety and overall operation of both roadways. It will operate like the intersection of 400 and Beartooth Parkway/Industrial Park Road. Georgia DOT Maintenance Crews are planning to work at the intersection Monday through Thursday next week if weather allows,” McDuffie explained.

Three maintenance crews will work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday installing concrete medians and new signage. The change should be in place by Thursday at 4 p.m. if the weather cooperates. Delays are expected in the area as crews work. Please avoid the work zone if possible.

“We also want to caution you to slow down and be extra cautious as people get used to this change. Your defensive driving skills like slowing down, not tailgating and watching out for other drivers always improve your safety and ours,” concluded McDuffie.

After the change, traffic on Kilough Church Road will be allowed to turn right onto or off of State Route 400. Traffic can also turn right to access the signals at Harmony Church Road or SR 53 and make a U-turn to head in the opposite direction. Traffic will not be allowed to cross SR 400 at Kilough Church Road. Traffic will not be allowed to turn left from Kilough Church Road onto or off of SR 400.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our website ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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